





A Guide For Parents



Unleashing the **power** of parenting



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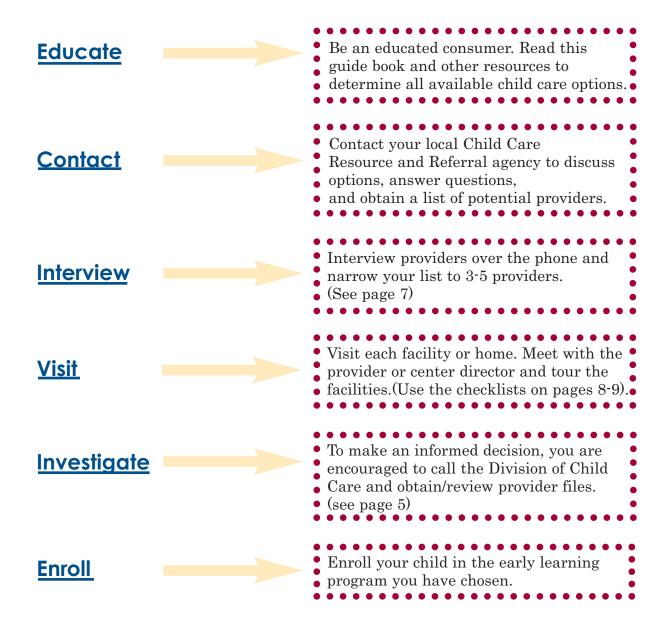
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Steps to Finding Quality Care for your Child

Your child's early years are very important. That is why, as a parent, you must demand the best care for them. Choosing child care for your young child should be a positive experience for your family. Always remember that you are buying a service to meet both your needs as a busy parent and the developmental needs of your child.

Below is a quick outline of the process you should use to find quality care for your child. Each step is thoroughly covered in the remainder of this guide book. It will be important for you to use this book as you visit child care settings. Remember, choosing child care is an investment in your child's future.





Child Care Centers and Preschools

What is it?

Care is provided in a setting similar to school where there may be many classrooms, and children are usually grouped by age. Child Care Centers and Preschools are regulated by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care.

Pros

- Last minute closures due to provider illness is unlikely
- Frequently offers a child development or preschool curriculum
- Facility is inspected for health, safety, and fire code compliance

Cons

- · High turnover of staff can be common
- Some children may not adapt well to large group settings
- · Usually does not have flexible hours

Family Home Child Care

What is it?

Your child is cared for in a home (not a relative's) that has been licensed by the state to provide child care. Family Home Child Care is regulated by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care, and must meet different licensing requirements depending on type of facility.

Pros

- Allows you to choose the individual who will care for your child
- Smaller group of children in a home-like environment
- May offer flexible hours
- May include a child development or preschool curriculum

Cons

- When individual is sick or on vacation, other plans for care will need to be made
- A single adult is usually alone with a group of children

WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

In-Home Care

What is it?

Sometimes called "nanny care". You hire an individual to work in your home to take care of your child, setting the hours, responsibilities, and compensation for the job. In-Home Care is not regulated in Colorado.

Pros

- · Convenient and may offer flexible hours
- Relationship can be fostered between nanny and child
- Child remains in a home environment and is able to build a good relationship with one person

Cons

- Expensive; usually costs \$250 \$450 per week per child
- Fewer opportunities for children to socialize
- You are responsible for background checks, social security, and salary

Relative Care

What is it?

An agreement with a family member to provide care in their home or yours. Relative Care is not regulated in Colorado, however a relative who receives reimbursement for child care from some counties may need to meet local requirements, and all must limit child enrollment to a single family.

Pros

- Established caring relationship between child, parents, and provider
- Flexible hours and fees
- · One-to-one care

Cons

- Child development resources may not be available or adequate
- You will need to agree on health and safety issues
- The provider's age, health, or available time may limit interactions with child

School Age Child Care

What is it?

Care for school-age children, before and after school, on holidays, and during the summer, may be offered by family homes, child care centers, and schools. School Age Child Care is regulated by the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care.

Pros

- May be located in the school your child attends
- Many programs will transport your child to and from school
- May offer field trips, or assistance with the child's homework

Cons

 Children are usually of different ages and have very different interests which may not always be met



LICENSING INFORMATION

The state of Colorado licenses child care facilities to reduce risks and make sure each facility is complying with basic health and safety standards. This license does not guarantee quality but does make sure the provider has met specific requirements, including staff training and background checks.

Background checks

Applicants, owners, employees, and residents of licensed child care facilities must submit fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for a criminal record check, and their names must be checked against the Central Registry of Child Protection.

Inspections

Prior to the original license being issued, and at least every two years thereafter, all child care facilities except family child care homes must be inspected and obtain an approving inspection report. Homes are visited on a "risk-based, variable-visit schedule" after the initial inspection.

These reports can be obtained from the local department of health, the State Department of Public Health and Environment, and from the local fire department. These reports must be maintained at the facility and be available for review upon request.

All licensed child care programs must make the following information available at your request:

1. Current License

License Types - Centers or Home Providers

- **Permanent:** Most common; on-going license
- **Provisional:** Issued to new facilities if a minor licensing issue exists
- **Probationary:** Issued when a serious compliance issue exists that could compromise a child's health or safety

License Types - Family Home Providers

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	School Age Children	Children under age of 2	Max # of Children
6 + 2 License	2	2	8
3 under 2 License	0	3	6
Infant/Toddler License	0	2 (under 1 year)	4
Large Family Home License	up to 12	2	12 (with 2 providers present)
Experienced Child Care Provider	Many options included in this license. All will be listed on the providers license. Max # of children in care range from 7 to 9.		

2. Last inspection date and findings

Those facilities at a higher risk and needing the most attention may be visited every six months or more, while those with a history of complying with the set standards may be visited only once every three years.

- 3. The maximum number of children assigned to each room or home
- 4. The adult-to-child ratio for each room or home



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Staff Training and Education Requirements

Child Care Centers and Preschools

- The lead teacher and Director must have set amount and a combination of work experience and college course work
- First Aid, CPR, Medication Administration training and Universal Precautions
- Additional minimum of 9 hours per year of training for all staff

Family Home Child Care

- Family Home Providers must have a set amount of education or the approved training to obtain a license, with more training required to care for infants and toddlers
- First Aid, CPR, Medication Administration training and Universal Precautions
- Additional minimum of 9 hours per year of training

School Age Child Care

- Director must have a combination of work experience and college course work
- First Aid, CPR, and Medication Administration training and Universal Precautions

In-Home Care

- · Determined by nanny agencies or parents
- · No statewide standard

Relative Care

· No statewide standard

Provider Files

To make an informed decision, you are encouraged to obtain information from the state Division of Child Care or ask your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency for assistance in obtaining/interpreting provider files.

You can review these documents in person, by email, fax, regular mail or online. To view these documents online visit www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare. To review in person, call the Division of Child Care at least 72 hours in advance to make an appointment.

To review by email, fax, or mail, you will need to have the name of the program, address, phone number, or license number, and you will be required to provide your name and phone number.

Each file includes:

- licensing history
- · number of children allowed to be cared for
- information on past complaints
- information on past inspections
- any restrictions to the license

• To obtain provider files contact:•

Division of Child Care
Colorado Department of Human Services
1575 Sherman Street, 1st Floor,
Denver, CO 80203

Phone: 303.866.5958 or 1.800.799.5876



WHY QUALITY MATTERS

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Your child's early years are very important. That is why, as a parent, you must demand the best care for them.

Research indicates that 90% of a person's intellectual, emotional and cognitive ability is formed by the age of five, making the early years a vitally important time in a child's life.

When children begin school behind, they stay behind. High quality early learning programs can help close this gap.

We know from 40 years of research that children who receive high-quality care:

- Demonstrate greater social skills throughout their education
- Excel in reading and math
- · Have better school attendance records
- Are more motivated to learn and have a higher commitment to school
- Are more likely to graduate from high school and pursue a post-secondary education or training
- Exhibit a lower rate of unemployment
- Have the potential to have higher earnings over their lifetime

A child's earliest teachers must love, respect, and nurture them. Selecting a provider who connects with young children emotionally is critical. It's very important that a family selects a provider who reads to their child every day, encourages curiosity, and allows a child to explore the world around him.

Early Learning Report®

Qualistar is able to provide you with information about the QUALITY of many of the programs you are considering.

Qualistar's Early Learning Report[©] is a short summary of the strengths and the areas for quality improvement in an early learning program. The report outlines the points that programs scored in each of the quality components of the Qualistar Rating and provides the overall star level that a program received (see page 10).

Although the information contained in these reports should not be used as a substitute for seeking licensing information, visiting the program and obtaining recommendations from family and friends, it can be a critical tool during your selection process.

Early Learning Reports for more than 100 programs are already on-line, and that number is expected to triple within the next year.

These reports can be found by visiting www.qualistar.org.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK EACH PROVIDER

Once you have a list of child care providers from your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency, it's time to start the interview process. Use the questions below as a reference when you start making phone calls to providers, trying to narrow down your list of program options.

- Is this program licensed by the state?
- 2 Do you have a Qualistar Rating?
- Is this program accredited by a nationally recognized organization such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children?
- What are the hours you are open?
 Are you flexible with those hours?
- What days are you closed for holidays or staff training?
- What is the age range of the children in your care?
- How many children are in each classroom or in your home?
- What is the provider to child ratio?
- How long have you and the other providers been here?
- To Can I have a copy of your policies or parent handbook?
- How will my child spend their day?
 Tell me about their typical schedule.
- Tell me about your philosophy regarding caring for children.

- Do you have a contract and policy statement that I need to sign?
- What kinds of training has the staff had? Do you know First Aid and CPR?
- May I have a list of current parents I can contact for feedback on your program?
- What procedures do you have in place when a medical emergency occurs?
- What kind of education do the providers have? What additional educational opportunities are the providers given?
- What kind of daily communication can I expect from you?
- Are there opportunities for me to participate or be involved in the program?
- 20 Do you go on field trips? Who drives? Do you have car seats?
- 21 How do you deal with behavior problems and discipline?
- 22 How do you involve children with special needs?



OBSERVE

Observation is the single most important guide when choosing an early learning program for your child.

Narrow your list to 3-5 providers. Visit each facility or home. Meet with the providers or center directors, and tour the facilities.

Here is a checklist for you to use when touring each center or home.

Health and Safety

Equipment is in good repair
Electrical outlets are covered
Facility is clean and free of litter
The program's emergency route(s) is(are) posted
Emergency phone numbers are posted near every phone and in every room
The doors are locked and visitors are required to sign in
All toys are clean and in good condition
The playground has safe surfaces and is fenced in. There are both sunny and shaded areas

Environment Basics

The room is warm and inviting
The children are happy and involved
The furniture is child-sized and the materials are at the children's level
All materials in the room are age appropriate for the children
There are enough equipment and supplies in the room so children can either play alone or share
Providers are with the children and within eyesight of them at all times instead of always at their desk
The community's diversity and culture is reflected in the room and group of children

Daily Activities

Nutritious meals and snacks are provided to children
Nap & story time are built into the day
Both structured and unstructured art, science, and language activities are available
Children are exposed to music
Puzzles, blocks, and a make-believe station are provided
Children have a time during the day to choose their own activities
Activities are varied and include both outdoor playtime and an indoor quiet time
A schedule of activities is posted and available for you to review



Adult-to-Child Ratios



Please note:

Qualistar Early Learning recommends a higher ratio of adults to children than the state of Colorado requires for Child Care Centers. For Family Home Provider ratios please refer to the licensing information on page 4.

Child Care Center Ratios

Requirement	Quality
1 staff member to 5 infants	1:3
1 staff member to 5 toddlers	1:3 (18-24 months)
1 staff member to 7 toddlers	1:5
1 staff member to 8 children	1:6
1 staff member to 10 children	1:8
1 staff member to 12 children	1:8
1 staff member to 15 children	1:8
1 staff member to 10 children	1:8
	5 infants 1 staff member to 5 toddlers 1 staff member to 7 toddlers 1 staff member to 8 children 1 staff member to 10 children 1 staff member to 12 children 1 staff member to 15 children 1 staff member to 15 children

Note: If 20% of the group is the age of the youngest child then the staff ratio for the younger age group must be used

Provider/Child Interactions



Look for signs of mutual respect and appreciation between providers and children
Providers need to be at the eye level of the childen when talking to them
Provider should be listening closely to each child and using encouraging language when talking to them
Children should be asked questions and not just given directions
The provider must attend to children who are upset



LOOK FOR A QUALISTAR RATING

What is it?

Developed by 150 early childhood experts, the Qualistar Rating measures quality in licensed early learning programs, both home and center-based, that serve children birth to kindergarten.

This 4-star rating system (with four being the highest) outlines the strengths and weaknesses of the program and provides a detailed plan for continuous quality improvement.

What does it measure?

Trained observers, who spend several hours in each classroom collect information on five different quality components. All of the points that programs earn in each of these quality components are added together to arrive at a Qualistar Rating.

Parents are able to access each program's overall rating score, as well as the details of each of the five quality component areas by visiting www.qualistar.org, and clicking on Find Early Learning Reports[©].

The following are the five important quality components each observer focuses on during these visits.

Five Quality Components

Learning Environment

Information collected about a program's learning activities, physical environment, health and safety, and language development. 0-10 points can be earned.

Family Partnership

Information collected on ways a program develops relationships with families, serves as a resource for them and offers them opportunities to be part of their children's early learning experience. <u>0-10 points can be earned.</u>

Training and Education

Information collected on the work experience and formal early childhood education achieved by the providers working in the home or center. 0-10 points can be earned.

Adult-to-Child Ratio and Group Size

Information collected on the ratio of staff members to children. Programs with lower ratios and groups allow quality individual learning experiences based on a child's needs, and provide stimulating learning activities for all children. <u>0-10 points can be earned</u>.

Accreditation

Information collected on whether the program is accredited through a national accrediting agency and is following national standards of high-quality early childhood education. <u>O or 2 points can be earned.</u>



MATCHING YOUR CHILD'S STYLE

Match Your Child's Style to the Right Child Care Setting

Here are some guidelines to help select the appropriate setting for your child. The questions below can help you develop a profile of your child and select the type of care that might best meet your child's needs.

What is your child's personal style?

Adaptable

- Flexible
- Approaches new people/situations with ease
- Good with transitions

Cautious

- Thoughtful
- Approaches new people/situations cautiously
- · Has difficulty with transitions

Feisty

- Passionate, feels things intensely
- Has difficulty controling her strong feelings, wants, and needs

Look for:

Large group settings providing social interaction and new experiences

Look for:

Small group settings that are less overwhelming

Look for:

Program where each child has a primary provider, someone who knows and understands your child (Note: all children would benefit from this)

How does your child react to the world?

Big Reactor

 Communicate their feelings, and don't hold back! Look for:

Providers who respect your child's emotions, but help him/her to express them in a more controlled way

Low Reactor

• Fuss very little, play quietly, and sleep a lot

Look for:

Providers who gently introduce new activities

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To Find Child Care in Colorado dial: 1-877-338-CARE Today!



MATCHING YOUR CHILD'S STYLE

Match Your Infant's or Toddler's Style to the Right Child Care Setting

How active is your child?

HIgh Activity

· Children are always on the go

Look for:

Individual schedules, safe exploration and phyical play

Low Activity

 Children sit quietly, exploring through their ears and eyes

Look for:

Small group settings that are less overwhelming

How social is your child?

Super-Social

• Enjoy approaching new people

• Are happiest interacting with others

Look for:

Opportunities for group play

Take-It-Slow

· Are shy around strangers

Need time to warm up

Look for:

Programs that allow children to choose when they'd like to play with others

Is your child tolerant of changes and challenges?

High Tolerance

• Aren't bothered by changes

• Cope well with frustration

Look for:

Mixed-age settings that offer enjoyable challenges and stimulation

Low Tolerance

Are sensitive to change

• Get upset when daily routine is altered Look for:

• Are easily frustrated, impatient

Same-age settings with developmentally appropriate toys and activities



CHOOSING QUALITY CARE FOR A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Most children, including those with disabilities and special needs, spend some time in a child care environment during early childhood, as well as while attending school.

Enhanced Referral

As a parent with a child of special needs, the best way to find high quality child care is to take advantage of the enhanced referral service offered by your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency.

The referral counselor will conduct a search and will call to verify that the child care sites have openings that will meet the needs of your family.

Components of the enhanced referral include:

- Vacancy checks to ensure the provider still has an opening for the child.
- Explanation of the child's specific needs to ensure the provider will be able to meet those needs.
- The Child Care Resource and Referral counselor will offer support to the provider to assist them in making reasonable accommodations for the child's needs.
- Calls will be made to the parents of the child on a regular basis until care is found.

Other Resources

- Call your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency. For help locating your local agency call 1-877-338-CARE.
- Contact your local school district and local early intervention program for resources and help.
- · Ask other families
- Check community resources and support groups.
- Contact other national/state/local organizations such as Easter Seals (www.easter-seals.org), whose members provide services to children with special needs.
- If you require additional information, contact Early Childhood Connections at 1-888-777-4041.

In a quality inclusive early learning environment, providers respond positively to differences in children's abilities, interests and experiences.

Children are able to develop a greater appreciation for each other and for individual differences.



CHANGING PROVIDERS

CHANGING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

When?

Although consistency in a child care setting is important, there are times when the current care situation must be changed for the child's health, safety or developmental needs. It is necessary to listen to your child when they talk about their experience in the care setting.

How?

Talk with your child about the change before it happens. Give your child ways to say goodbye through use of photos, stories, or toys. Be sure to support your child between the end of one setting and the beginning of a new one. Maintain normal routines and give your child lots of positive attention during the change. It is important to recognize this transition in your child's life.

If you and your child can't answer yes to most or all of the following, a change might be in order:

Checklist from a Child's Point of View

Child's Point of View
I have lots of fun things to do.
My teacher reads stories to us and there are books for me to look at on my own.
I have friends at child care.
My teacher is nice to me.
We have healthy things to eat for snacks and lunch.
I have a cozy place to rest when I am tired.
I get to play outside.
I learn new things all the time.
I feel safe here.
I have the opportunity to play with others and by myself.

Checklist from an Adult's Point of View

My child looks forward to going to child care.
My child has friends at child care.
I feel welcome and respected at all times.
My participation is encouraged.
My child talks favorably about the provider.
My family's values are reflected in the program.
My family's cultural background is honored.
Employees both act and speak positively about their work environment.
My child does not exhibit an unexplained change in behavior.
Cleanliness and hand washing are evident.



CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES

All families deserve high quality child care for their children. Children of all abilities and backgrounds deserve care that is safe, and an environment that is nurturing and stimulates learning.

What is CCCAP?

The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) provides financial assistance to low-income families that are working, searching for employment or in training, and families that are enrolled in the Colorado Works Program and need child care services to support their efforts toward self-sufficiency.

How To Apply:

- 1. Contact the county department of social services of the county that you live in. You will need to fill out an application and provide information about your income, work, or school program.
- 2. Submit Employment Information. You will have 30 days to supply written verification of your employment or education program. Your child care worker may also contact your employer by phone to verify hours and wages when you apply for low-income child care assistance.
- 3. Choose a Child Care Provider. You can select a licensed child care center, a family home provider, a friend, neighbor, or relative. Visit the Qualistar Early Learning website at www.qualistar.org to help you find quality care.

Rates:

The rates under the CCCAP program are set by each individual county. Rates are determined by a number of factors including local economies, child care availability, market prices/rates and quality.

Counties have rates which represent the maximum amount they can pay for child care for children under two years of age and children two years old and older.

- 4. Notify the County of any Changes. You must notify your child care worker of any change in your employment or income within 30 days of the change. Most counties require that you give them that information in writing. Changes may impact your eligibility.
 - **5. Redetermination Forms.** You will be sent a redetermination form every 6 months. This form is required for the county to determine if you still meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

For more information and county eligibility levels contact:

Colorado Division of Child Care 1575 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203 (303) 866-5958 www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARENT RESOURCES

Colorado Resources

Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children

Information on accreditation, standards for child care professionals, and what to look for in early childhood education.

www.coloradoaeyc.org

Colorado Division of Child Care

Information about child care regulations, Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), and licensing. Parents can call this office to obtain licensing records or to file a complaint.

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare

Colorado Child Care Association

A non-profit organization dedicated to providing support and guidance in the management and administration of child care centers. This is achieved through education, networking and legislative representation.

www.coloradochildcare.net

Colorado Association of Family Child Care

A non-profit organization dedicated to the support and education of licensed family child care providers in the state of Colorado.

www.coloradochildcare.com

Early Childhood Connections

Through the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, they are implementing a statewide, comprehensive system of early intervention services for all infants and toddlers with special needs.

www.cde.state.co.us/1-888-777-4041 earlychildhoodconnections

PEAK Parent Center

A statewide organization of parents of children with disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

www.peakparent.org

Easter Seals Colorado

Contains information about inclusive childcare programs for children with special needs

www.easterseals.org/services/children

The Colorado Parent Information and Resource Center

Contains resources for parents and educators with specific training and technical assistance to schools, districts and parents.

www.cpirc.org

Family Resource Centers

Help Colorado families succeed through parenting classes, adult literacy, or early childhood education by creating innovative programs and services in 39 rural and urban Colorado counties.

www.familyresourcecenters.info

Denver Options

Denver Options offers expert, professional resources and services for children from birth to three who have developmental delays or special needs. Services are available AT NO COST to all families, residing in Denver.

Colorado AfterSchool Network (CAN)

Committed to supporting quality after school programs in Colorado, their goal is to be a clearinghouse on research and resources related to quality and best practices in the after school field.

www.coloradoafterschoolnetwork.org

National Resources

National Child Care Association

NCCA is a professional trade association focused exclusively on the needs of licensed, private childhood care and education programs.

www.nccanet.org

Zero To Three

A national organization that provides child development information for parents and professionals regarding infants and toddlers http://www.zerotothree.org

Parents Action for Children

Develops parent education materials, connects parents with one another, and fights for issues such as early education, health care, and high quality and affordable child care. Offers books and publications.

www.iamyourchild.org

Child Care Resources

Information for parents, providers, and employers including statistics on childcare. Available in English, Spanish, and Russian.

www.childcare.org

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8

www.naeyc.org

National Association for Family Child Care

Provide technical assistance to family child care associations through developing leadership, addressing issues of diversity, and by promoting quality and professionalism.

www.nafcc.org

Child Care Aware

A non-profit committed to helping parents through online resources, find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in their community.

www.childcareaware.org

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Provides national leadership to build quality childcare systems, and has information and resources to help parents find child care, including accredited programs.

www.naccrra.org



ABOUT US

QUALISTAR EARLY LEARNING

Qualistar Early Learning is changing the face of early education in Colorado. We are a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving early learning experiences for all children by developing and implementing a statewide early childhood education system that empowers both providers and parents. We offer a 4-star rating system and a continuous improvement program that measures quality and supplies hundreds of providers with strategies for success. Qualistar is the first in the nation to combine an accountability system with a statewide network of resource and referral agencies.

3607 Martin Luther King Blvd. Denver, CO 80205 (303) 339-6800 www.qualistar.org



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Colorado Bright Beginnings is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the healthy growth and development of Colorado children during the critical first three years of life. Bright Beginnings hopes to influence all Colorado children to reach their full potential to succeed in school and throughout life by educating parents with high quality, developmentally appropriate materials and tools. Beginnings' free visits are available for any Colorado parent of a child prenatal to age three. We can meet you at your home, your work or any other community setting that's easy for you. We'll come to you and show you just a few techniques to help your child's brain get off to a good start. Please call today to schedule your Bright Beginnings visit.

> 2505 18th Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO 80211-3907 (303) 433-6200 1-877-927-6935 www.brightbeginningsco.org





IMPORTANT RESOURCES

LOCAL CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL NETWORK PARTNERS

Bright Futures for Early Childhood and Families

620 Mt.Village Blvd. Unit 2B1 Telluride, Colorado 81435

P: 970.728.5613 or 877.728.5613

F: 970-728-9007

 $\textbf{E:} \ cathy@brightfuturesforchildren.org$

Counties Served: Delta, Gunnison, Montrose, Hinsdale, Ouray, San Miguel

Child Care Connections

125 N. Parkside, Suite 202 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

P: 719.638.2070 / **F**: 719.638.2059

E: cccreferralspec2@gmail.com www.childcareconnections.net

Counties Served: El Paso, Elbert,

Kiowa, Teller

Child Care Network

P.O. Box 773982 Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

P: 970.879.7330 / **F:** 970-879-7467 **E:** ccn@familydevelopmentcenter.org

E: ccn@familydevelopmentcenter.org www.familydevelopmentcenter.org

Counties Served: Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt

Children First Resource & Referral

900 W. Orman Ave. CA, D-AB154E, Pueblo, CO 81004

P: 1.877.338.CARE or 719.549.3411 **F:** 719.549.3338

E: childrenfirst@pueblocc.edu

www.pueblocc.edu/CommunityOutreach/Children First/

Counties Served: Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Amimas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo

Children, Youth and Families

2160 Spruce Street, Boulder, CO 80302

P: 303.441.3544 / **F**: 303.441.4348

Referral in Spanish:

P: 303-441-4294

E: hepplerd@bouldercolorado.gov

Counties Served: Boulder

Early Childhood Council of Larimer County

3000 S. College Ave., Suite 206 Fort Collins, CO 80525

P: 970.377.3388 / **F**: 970.377.2866

E: ecc@frii.com

www.fortnet.org/ECC

Counties Served: Larimer

Early Childhood Council of the San Luis Valley

609 Main Street, Box 7 Alamosa, CO 81101

P: 719.587.5363 / **F**: 719.658.3097

E: mdepriest@valleykidscare.org

www.valleykidscare.org

Counties Served: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, Saguache

Early Childhood Options

330 Fiedler Avenue, Suite 209 Dillon, CO 80435

P: 970.513.1170 X 307

F: 970.513.1167

E:lucinda@earlychildhoodoptions.org www.earlychildhoodoptions.org

Counties Served: Lake, Summit, Grand

Mesa County Child Care Resource and Referral

510 29 1/2 Road

Grand Junction, CO 81501

P: 211 or 970.244.8400 / **F**:970.248.2702

E: 211infoline@mesacounty.us www.infoline.mesacounty.us

Counties Served: Mesa

Kids First-Childcare Resource Center

215 North Garmisch, Suite 1 Aspen, CO 81601

P: 970.920.5363 / **F**: 970.920.5407

E: shirleyr@ci.aspen.co.us

www.aspenpitkin.com/kidsfirst

Counties Served: Pitkin, Garfield, Eagle

Morgan County Family Center

800 West Platte, Suite 1 Fort Morgan, CO 80701

P: 970.867.9606 / **F**: 970.867.9693

E: childcare@aginformation.com

www.morganfamilycenter.org

Counties Served: Morgan

Rural Communities Resource Center, Northeast Colorado Child Care Resource and Referral

204 S. Main Street, Yuma, CO 80759

P: 970.848.3867 or 800.794.3867

F: 970.848.3869

E: ncccrr@ncccrr.org

www.ncccrr.org

Counties Served: Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma

Southwest Office of Resource and Referral

1315 Main Avenue #121 Durango, CO 81301

P: 970.247.5960 / **F**: 970.247.5979

E: tamara@tchs4c.org

Counties Served: Archuleta, Dolores, La

Plata, Montezuma, San Juan

United Way of Weld County

814 9th Street, Greeley, CO 80632

P: 970.353.4300 / **F:** 970.353.4738 **E:** sheila@unitedway-weld.org

www.unitedway-weld.org

Counties Served: Weld

2-1-1 Child Care Options

2505 18th Street, Denver, CO 80211

P: 2-1-1 or 303.561.2244

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E: 211.childcareoptions@

unitedwaydenver.org www.milehighunitedway.org

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**other CCR&R services provided by Denver Child Care Resource and Referral (Denver County) and Child Care Innovations (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin, Jefferson, Park)



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS REGIONAL COORDINATING OFFICES

Alamosa

Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc.

P: 719-587-1084

E: SmithA@vwhs.org

Counties Served: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande,

Saguache

Boulder

Parenting Place

P: 303-449-0177

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Counties Served: Boulder, Broomfield and Gilpin

Colorado Springs

<u>First Visitor/Peak Vista</u> Community Health Center

P: 719-228-6639

E: jmiller@peakvista.org

Counties Served: El Paso, Teller and portions of Elbert and Park

Durango

La Plata Family Centers Coalition

P: 970-385-4747 x.1

E: Diane@lpfcc.org

Counties Served: Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan

Fort Collins

Poudre Valley Health Systems

P: 970-495-7526 **E**: sfk@pvhs.org

www.fortnet.org/brightb

County Served: Larimer

Glenwood Springs - Aspen to Parachute

Family Visitor Programs

P: 970-945-1234 x13

E: warmwelc@rof.net www.familyvisitor.org

Counties Served: Pitkin, Nucla area of Montrose and portions of Eagle and Garfield

Grand Junction

Strong Families, Safe Kids

P: 970-254-8240

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Counties Served: Delta, Mesa, Rio Blanco and portions of Garfield and Gunnison

Greelev

United Way of Weld County

P: 970-353-4300 x121

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County Served: Weld

Gunnison

<u>Gunnison County Dept. of Health</u> and Human Services

P: 970-641-7981

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Counties Served: Chaffee, Gunnison and Hinsdale

Metro Denver

Metro Denver Bright Beginnings

P: 303-561-2233

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Counties Served: Adams, Arapahoe, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson

Pueblo

<u>Catholic Charities, Diocese</u> of Pueblo

P: 719-544-4233

E: irhodes@pueblocharities.org

Counties Served: Baca, Bent, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, Pueblo and the San Luis Valley consisting of Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache

Steamboat Springs

<u>Family Development Center's</u> Newborn Network

P: 970-879-0977

E:newborn@familydevelopment center.org

Counties Served: Grand, Jackson, Moffatt and Routt

Summit

Family and Intercultural Resource Center

P: 970-262-3888, x303

E: briannec@summitfirc.org

Counties Served: Lake, Summit and portions of Clear Creek, Eagle, Grand and Park

Yuma/Eastern Plains

Baby Bear Hugs

P: 970-848-5274

E: babybear@plains.net www.babybearhugs.org

Counties Served: Cheyenne, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma and a portion of Elbert







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